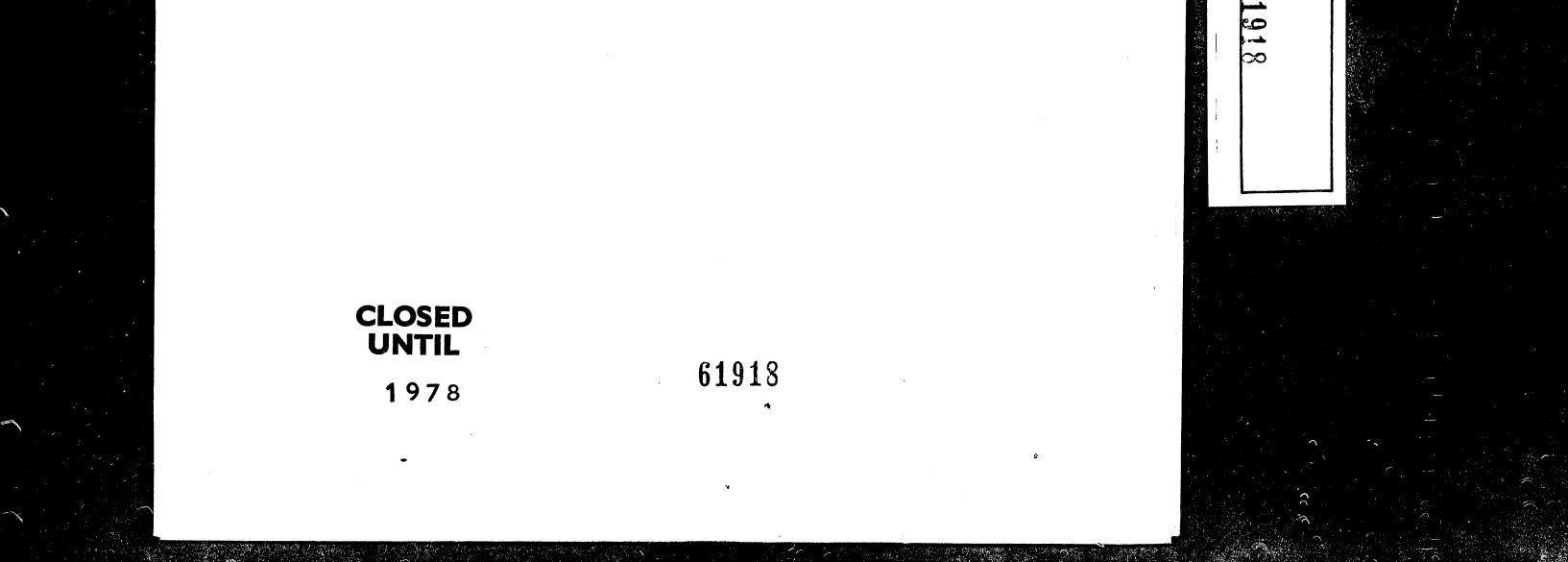
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hope the following information will prove of value.

In a letter of 1st March, 1920 aduressed to Mr. Vansittart, Dr. Weizmann sail that "all the Allied and Associated Powers are definitely committed to the principle or the Jewish National Home", and this statement was not questioned at the time (E 869/61/44/ 1920 - not attached). But commitment to the principle of the Jewish National Home does not necessarily mean approval of the Balfour Declaration, and in any case Dr. Weizmann may, deliberately or accidentally, have onitted to insert the word "Principal" before "Allied and Associated". Alternatively, as regards the lesser Allied etc. Powers, he may have been basing himself on published statements of policy or assurances given to the Zionist Organisation - of which we would not necessarily have a record (although the Zionist Organisation undoubtealy would).

We can, however, say definitely that the Frincipal Allied and Associated Fowers (France, Italy, Japan and the U.S. associated themselves with the Balfour Declaration - the first three during the war, and the U.S. (not being at war with Turkey) by a joint Resolution of Congress approved by the Fresident in September, 1922 and by Article I of the U.K. - U.C.A. Convention of 3rd December, 1924 (Treaty Series No. 54/1925). (No a ditions to this list are mentioned in Sokolov's "History of Zionism", Leonard Stein's "Zionism", Temperley's "History of the Freace Conference or in the Chatham House Survey).

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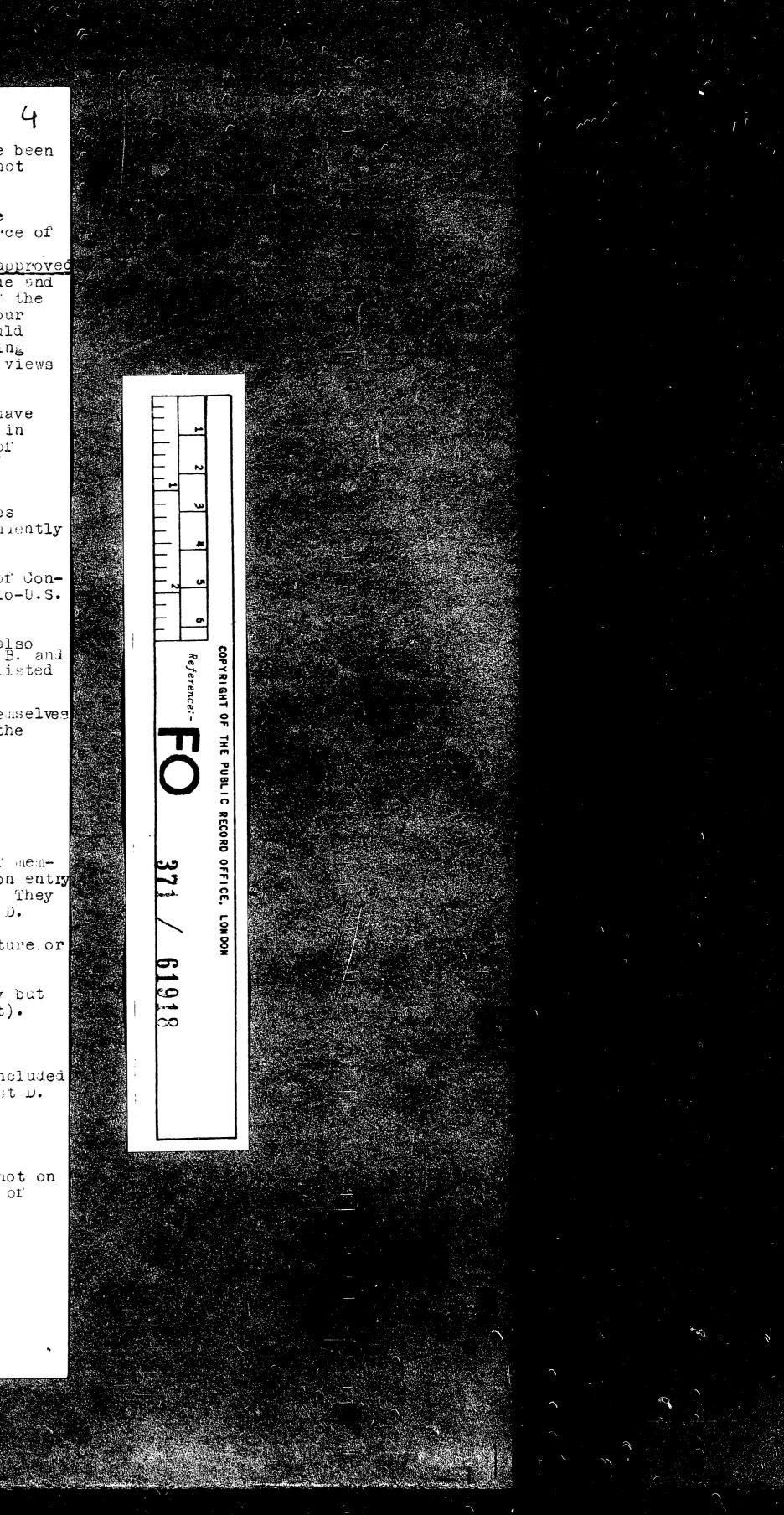
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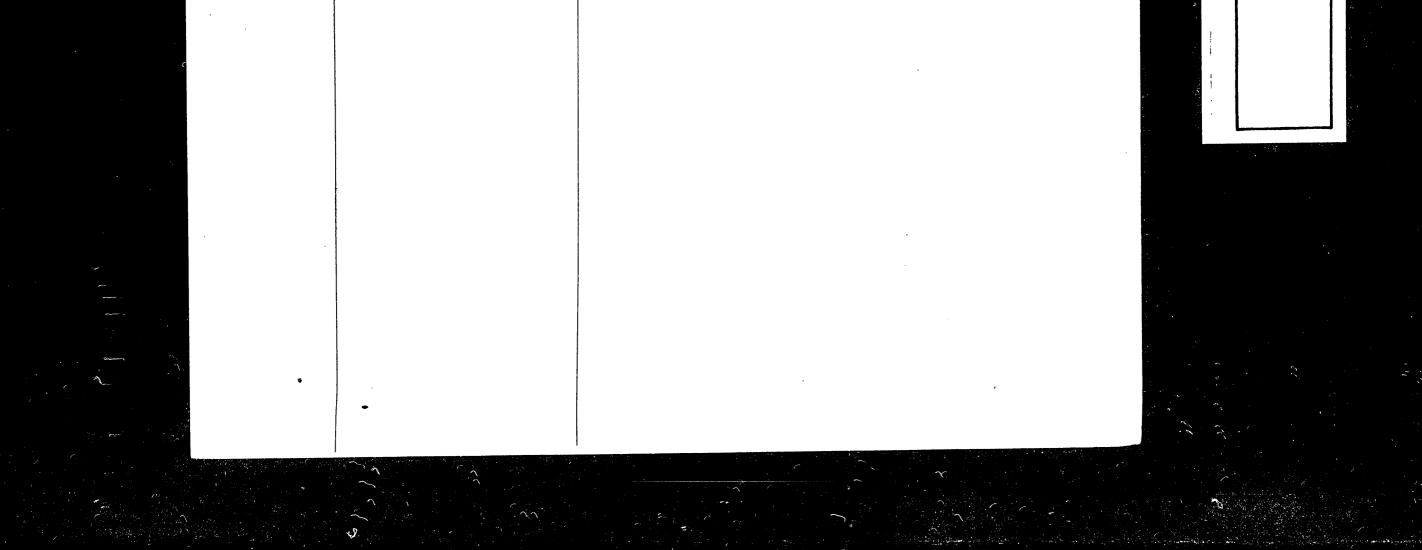
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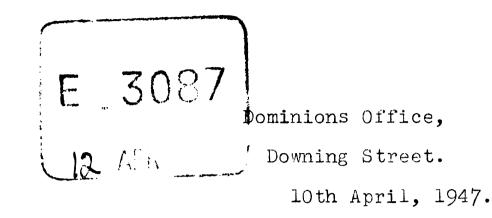


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Dear Beeley,

It has been reported to us that the Department of External Affairs, Ottawa, is concerned about the widespread misapprehension which is felt to exist as to the number of League of Nations members who formally approved the Balfour Declaration and that they consider that this point may cause difficulty at the forthcoming Special Assembly unless an accurate list is In their view such a list available. would include the principal Allied Powers and members of the League Council on 1st July, 1923, which approved the Palestine Mandate in the preamble of which the Declaration was They suggest, however, that embodied. several associated Powers have also notified the United Kingdom Government of their approval of the Declaration.

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The Department of External Affairs would be grateful to know which States, in the view of the United Kingdom Government, have approved the Balfour Declaration, and, as supplementary information, to have the names of any Powers who might have notified their approval after July, 1923, together with the dates on which this approval was notified.

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H. BEELEY, ESQ.

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I should be glad if you could supply me with this information so that I can inform the Canadian authorities.

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Yours sincerely,

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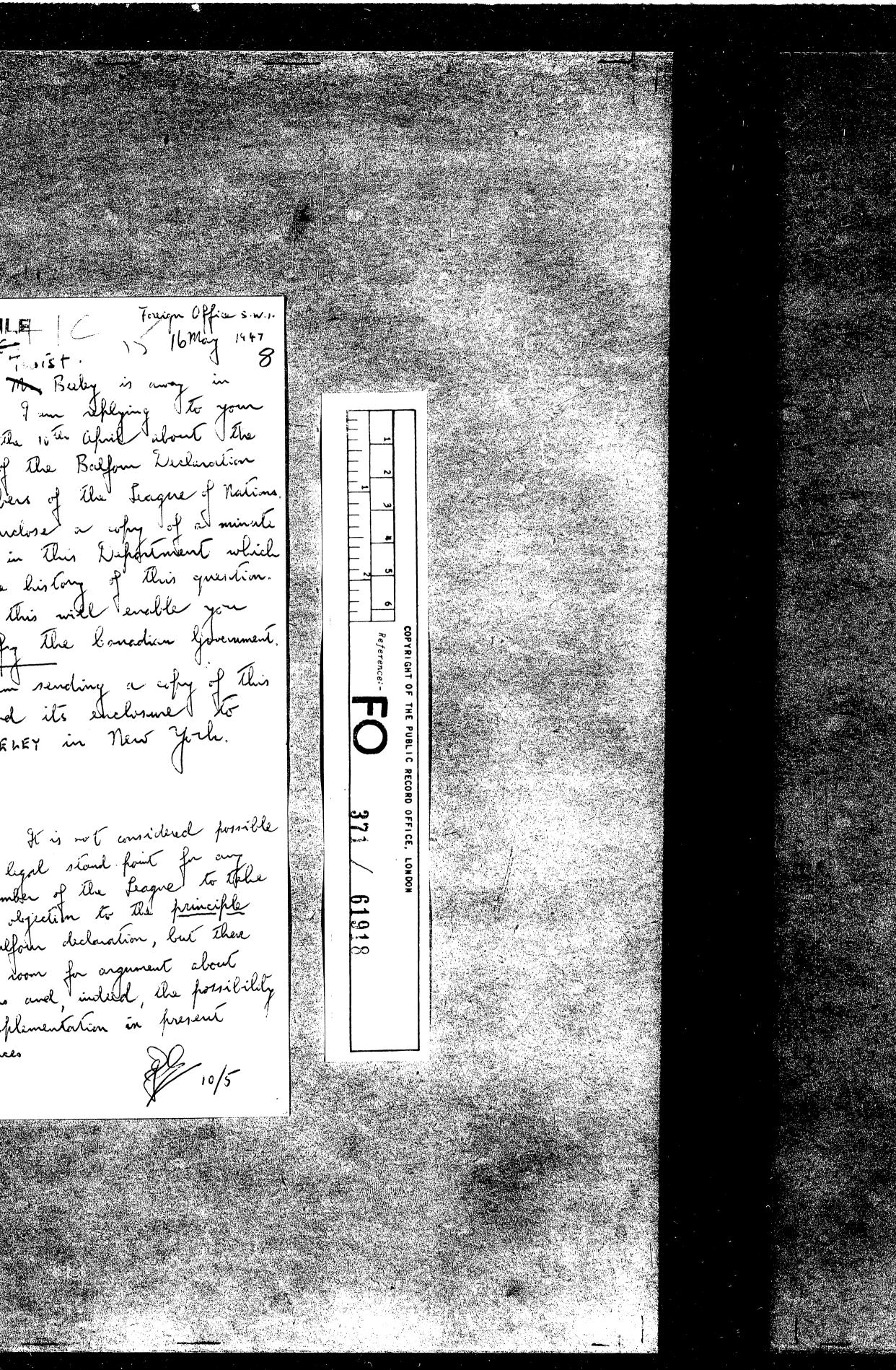
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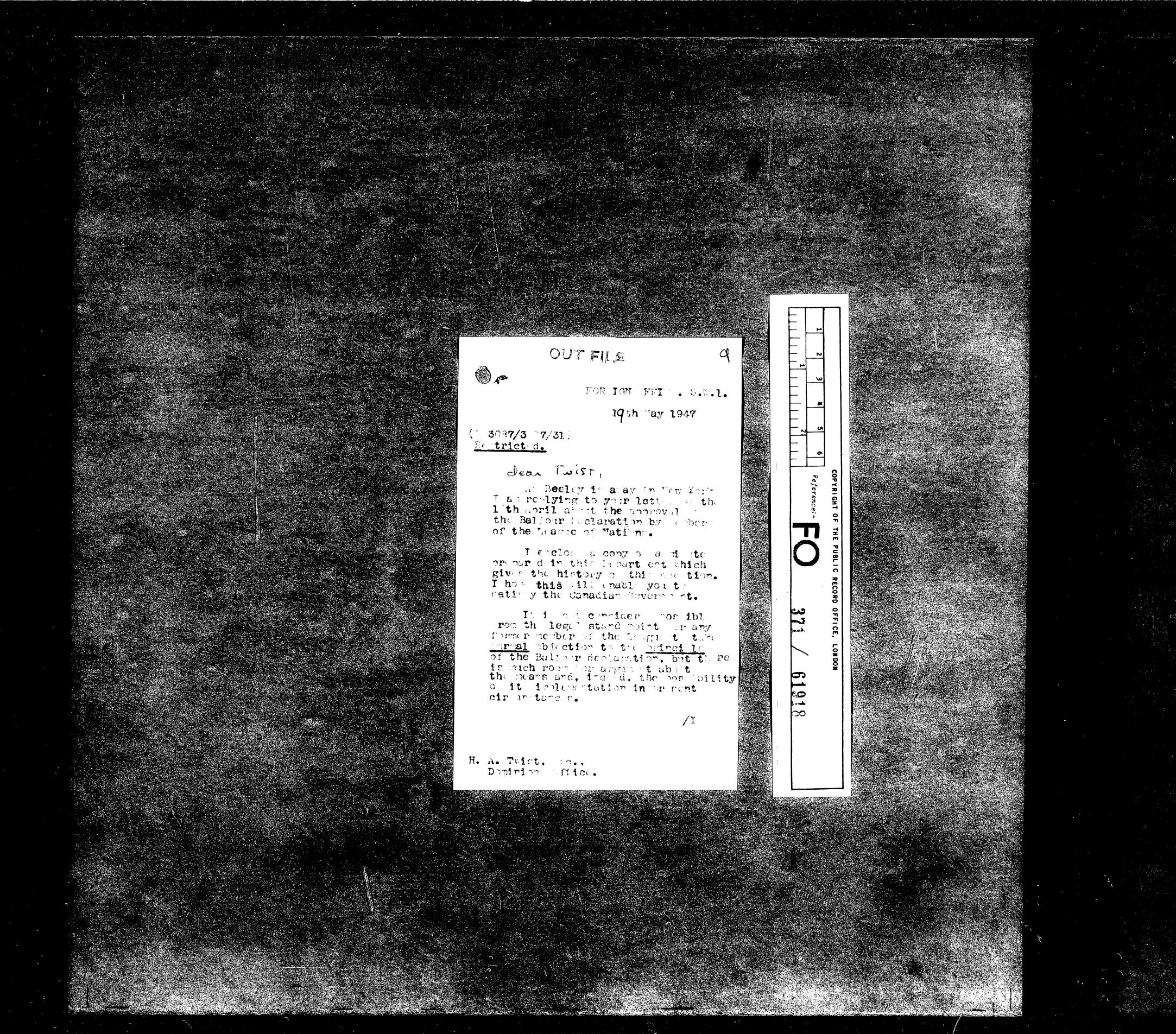
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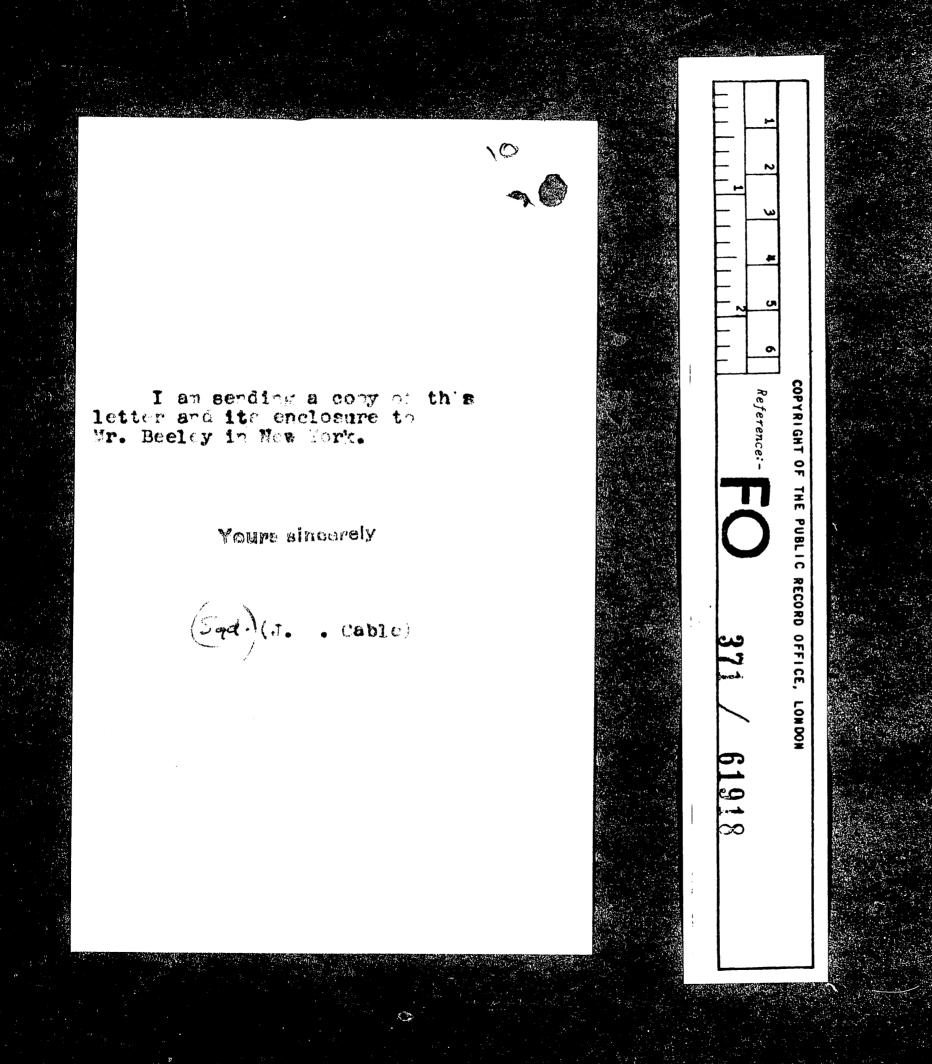
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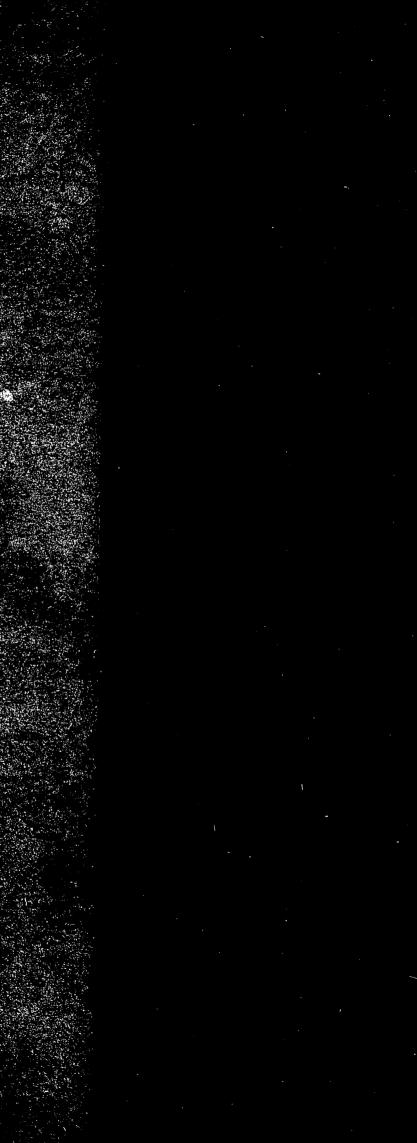
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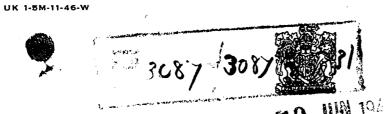
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Dear Department,

We should be interested to see a copy of the letter of 10th April from Twist, Dominions Office, which is referred to in Cable's letter E3087/3087/31 of 19th May to Twist (copy of which you sent to Beeley here).

Yours ever,

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